Strategy to bring unaccounted money into economy

4296. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the manner in which Government look at the success of the economic reforms in the face of burgeoning problems of black money;

(b) whether Government have evolved an alternative strategy to bring unaccounted money into the economy; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (c) A number of factors lead to the generation of black money in the economy. These, among others, include the level and structure of taxation, the effectiveness of tax administration, controls on economic activity, general laws and regulation, political finance, inflation and standards of public morality. The policy reforms initiated by the Government in the spheres of industry, trade and financial sectors are expected to control the generation of black money in the economy. Govt, are also taking legal and administrative measures from, time to time to meet the emerging situation in this area.

Proposal to *set* up joint sector banks in] commonwealth of independent states

4297. SHRIMATI ILA PANDA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up some joint sector banks in Uzbekistan and Tazakistan in the Commonwealth of Independent States; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) Reserve Bank of India (RBl) have reported that they have allowed State Bank at India to open a representative office in Tashkent in Uzbekistan which will also serve the neighbouring states in the Commonwealth of Independent States including Tajikistan.

Suspension of Annefari system under the Agricultural Debt Relief Scheme, 1990

4298. SHRI DAVID LEDGER: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the 'Annewari System' in connection with the Agricultural Debt Relief Scheme, 1990 is not in vogue in some of the States; and

(b) if so, what alternative system has been offered to these States for release of claims under the category of Non-chronic Overdues?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In States where the system of declaring annewari is not in vogue, the certificates issued in the past for the year of calamity by the State Government or the delegated authorities for remission or suspension of land revenue, taccavi loans or abiana etc. would be accepted for the purpose of determining a year as bad crop year and for providing relief under the Agricultural and Rural Debt Relief (ARDR) Scheme, 1990.

उच्च श्रेणी लिपिकों तथा सहायकों के वेतनमान

4299. श्री मोहम्मद अफजल उर्फ मीम अफजल: क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि चतुर्थ वेतन आयोग ने उच्च श्रेणी-लिपिकों तथा सहायकों के लिये क्रमश: 1200-2040 रुपये तथा 1400-2600 रुपये के वेतनमान की सिफारिश की थी तथा सरकार ने इस सिफारिश को लागू किया था ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो कर्मचारियों के उपर्युक्त वर्गों के वर्तमान वेतनमान क्या हैं और क्या इनमें कोई अंतर है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इसके कारण क्या हैं?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री शान्ताराम पोदुखे): (क) जी, हां।

(ख) और (ग) चौथे केन्द्रीय वेतन आयोग द्वारा सिफारिश किए गए अनुसार इस समय उच्च श्रेणी लिपिकों का वेतनमान 1200–2040 रु. है तथा सहायकों का वेतनमान 1400–2600 रुपये है। केन्द्रीय सचिवालय सेवा के सहायकों तथा कुछ अन्य तुलनीय ग्रेडों के वेतनमान को उनके वेतनमानों में विसंगति को, एक निर्धारित प्रक्रिया के अनुसार दूर करने हेतु, संशोधित करके 1640–2900 रु० कर दिया गया था।

Seizure of gold

430O. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 155 given in the Rajya Sabha on 24th November, 1992 and state the quantity of smuggled gold seized by the customs authorities in different part, of the country during the last one year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): During the last one year (From December, 1991 to November, 1992) 2.885 tonnes of gold has been sized by the customs authorities in different parts of the country.

Transaction with Grindlays Bank

@4300A. SHRI RAMDAS AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to newsitem which appeared in The Hindustan Times of 13th October 1992 caption "Housing Bank may sue Grindlays for Rs. 506 crores" if the latter failed to return the Paid amount;

(b) if so, to whom the above mentioned amount was paid by the Bank indicating the commission or renumera-tion paid, if any, by it;

(c) whether any prescribed norms/ conditions for the limit of amount to be paid in such case by the Bank for construction or other purpose, was issued by the Government; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor,indi-cating the total transactions doneby Grindlays during 1990-91, 1991-92 and 1992-93 so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The National Housing Bank (NHB) has reported that the amount of Rs_ 506 54 crores was paid by NHB to ANZ Grindlays Bank on different dates for purchase of certain securities. ANZ Grindlays Bank disputed the said securities transactions. However, on 4th November, 1992, ANZ Grindlays Bank *'has* paid Rs. 506.54 crores to NHB, subject to the matter being resolved by arbitration. No commission/remuneration was paid by NHB in respect of the purchase transactions.

(c) and (d) There are no norms/ conditions laid by the Government for limit limit of amount to be paid by NHB for constructions or other purpose.

Secularization of casual employees by the Calcutta Doordarshan

4301. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:'

(a) whether the casual employees working in Calcutta Doordarshan for over five years and being paid at the rate

@Previously Unstarred Question 3976, Transferred from 18th December, 1992.